Franklin County's Request to be re-designated as a full service facility



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Mr. Tausek,

The Mission Statement and Philosophy of the Franklin County Detention Center is to provide a safe, sanitary and secure place of detention for the offender, and to protect the community by securely holding persons determined by the courts to pose a threat to the public safety. We have had to travel extensive miles with the offenders for housing, court appearances, Dr Visits and other appointments thus posing a greater threat to the public safety.

Our Mission is to return to the community a person who would be a better citizen that when they entered this Facility. Since our mission change to a 72 hour holding facility, our chance to provide help to the population of the Franklin County Detention Center through available programs such as education, and the work release and community service programs that benefited both the offender and the community has been removed.

The Franklin County Commissioners are formally requesting that that Franklin County Detention Center be returned to the status of a full jail. After 3 plus years of complying with the standards of a 72 hour holding facility, we have not seen any savings or benefits to the Tax payers of Franklin County.

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